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## Attorney Briney Urges Especial Care in Voting for Judges

# DEDICATE NEW CITY HALL AUGUST 24

## Governor Richardson Runs California on Real Merit System

### ALL ASKED TO CITY PARTY

New Building Will Be Officially Designated by Board of Trustees

TO ANNOUNCE NEW TAX

Former and Present City Officials Will Speak at Opening

Everyone in Torrance is invited to attend a big Torrance family party on Tuesday night, Aug. 24, when the new city building on Craven will be officially dedicated. Invitations are being sent out to residents whose names are on the mailing list of the Chamber of Commerce. In case some residents might fail to receive an invitation the Board of Trustees has requested The Herald to issue a general invitation to the entire city. Refreshments will be served and there will be music for any that might care to dance. Brief addresses will be made by members of the present board and by former trustees.

It is expected that the city tax rate for next year will be announced at the meeting.

### Buron Fitts Talks At Rotary Luncheon



BURON FITTS

Buron Fitts, deputy district attorney and candidate for the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor, was the speaker at the luncheon of the Rotary Club of Torrance today.

### CAKE SALE SATURDAY

The Willing Workers class of the Central Evangelical Sunday School will hold a cake sale Saturday, Aug. 13, beginning at 10 a. m. Drop around at the American Fruit Market at the corner of Gramercy avenue and Carson street, and get a nice home-made cake for Sunday night supper.

Short casing and base, \$50 per 1000. Consolidated Lumber Co. -Adv.

Advertisement for Bill the Barber, featuring a cartoon character and the text "Our idea of a sound sleeper is the guy who snores."

### Observations

Crisswell or Crail for Congress?—Traeger Turns Down Underworld—Bosses Rule Young—Robert Clarke Best Man for Senate

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EVERY person in this district should take a decided interest in the nomination of its congressman. The congressman is the nearest contact the individual has with the federal government—unless one considers the income tax collector. The congressman is the official to whom an individual can make his representations regarding national legislation, local government appropriations, postoffice problems, and other matters. He is closer to his constituents than a senator because he represents a smaller area.

The greatest issue in the west today is the Colorado River development. So voters will do well to consider the congressional candidates with the Colorado River in mind. Two candidates stand in the foreground. They are Ralph Crisswell, Los Angeles city councilman, and Joe Crail, well-known Los Angeles attorney.

CRISWELL and Crail both favor a high dam at Boulder Canyon and the All-American canal. The voters must decide which of the two men will carry the greatest influence at Washington, which will take to the federal councils the greatest weight and influence. Crisswell was Socialist candidate for mayor of Los Angeles at least twice. Then he became a Republican and went to the council. Crail is a Republican and always has been. He managed Hughes' campaign in Southern California in 1916. He is well acquainted with Republican leaders throughout the country.

IF the next Congress at Washington is going to be anti-administration Crisswell probably would carry more weight in the House than Crail. But if it is to be Republican in the Coolidge sense of the word, then Crail, as an administration Republican, would be able to accomplish much in his own mind which it seems to me that one must decide in his own mind which of these two men would best be able to represent the needs of the west, and then vote for that man. The decision is difficult. For the hue of the next Congress has not yet been determined. Those who believe in government by party and who are Republicans undoubtedly will vote for Crail. Those who care little for a man's politics and think an independent can accomplish as much as a party man will probably vote for Crisswell.

My own decision will be made only when I can decide in my own mind which of these two men seems best able to accomplish something for Colorado River development. Any light on that subject will be deeply appreciated.

IT is with deep appreciation of the points at issue that we unhesitatingly endorse the candidacy of Bill Traeger for reelection as sheriff of Los Angeles county. Four candidates are seeking the nomination. In addition to Traeger they are Sam Browne, Charles H. Kelley, and George K. Home. Browne's candidacy can be dismissed. He hasn't a chance. Even his personal friends admit it.

WE come then to Home, police captain on the Los Angeles force. Home is a first-class man. But he lacks the support necessary to insure his election. It is generally conceded that he will run a poor third.

NEXT consider Kelley, who, it is generally conceded, is Traeger's strongest opponent. Kelley's candidacy is blasted among most citizens because of the quarters from which his chief support emanates. Behind him is the Parrott-Cryer liberal organization of the city of Los Angeles, the boss-ridden organization that has aroused the antagonism of all the better element in Los Angeles. Kelley is damned by his supporters, who now have the city affairs in the palm of their hands and seek in this campaign to stretch their authority to the sheriff's office.

### HITS BOSS RULE IN STATE

Executive Makes Civil Service Mean Something During Term

COSTS ARE CUT AS WELL

Increases Efficiency of Department While Reducing Branches' Expenditures

By DAVID J. REESE  
Civil Service Commissioner  
(Who has served under three governors)

Gov. Friend W. Richardson's endorsement of civil service and the merit system in state government in his inaugural message has been confirmed by his unequivocal support of and co-operation with the civil service department during his administration.

In his inaugural message he stated "Civil service has proved its worth and the defects complained of are mainly those of administration."

In his second biennial message he again endorsed civil service in his declaration that "The civil service department has never worked more efficiently and rendered greater service than during the past two years. . . . While having its defects, it is vastly superior to the old spoils system. It is a protection to the employee of the state. It is a great benefit to me in establishing a business administration. I have stood strongly against all efforts to break down the efficacy of civil service."

He demonstrated his faith and endorsement by promptly approving a legislative act strengthening the civil service power of classification of positions and standardization of salaries. He recommended for adoption and later approved a legislative measure which recommended a loosely organized commission and which placed the department on a far more effective basis.

Finally, at the beginning of this political campaign he voiced in no uncertain terms the outstanding principle of the merit system, honored heretofore more in the breach than in the observance, and the violation of which would wreck the civil service, in his direct orders that no contributions, not services for political purposes were to be demanded or permitted on the part of state employees. No former executive of California has ever issued such an order.

For Merit System Gov. Richardson's policy through his entire administration has been one of non-interference with civil service procedure; a consistent, conscientious support of the merit system; an insistence that all state departments live up to and comply absolutely with the provisions of the civil service law and the rules of the civil service department. Not in a single instance, directly or indirectly, has there been a request, not even an intimation or a suggestion, for the selection of an appointment for political, personal, or other reasons. On the contrary, when appointments have been made in the executive department, which is exempt by law from the provisions of civil service, the governor has invariably requested the appointment of civil service eligibles.

Increased Efficiency Under vigilant executive approval civil service has made marked progress in the past four years. In accordance with Gov. Richardson's pronouncement of maximum efficiency with a minimum of employees and expenditure of funds, the total number of state employees under civil service has been reduced from 7197 at the beginning of Gov. Richardson's term, to 7133 at the present time, notwithstanding (Continued on Page 2)



### OIL REVIVAL IN FIELD'S SOUTHERN AREA DEPENDS ON SUCCESS OF FIGHT ON SANDS

Hope for the revival of a large number of idle oil wells in the most southerly part of the oil field here was high among oil men this week, when new steps were taken to overcome the trouble caused by the fine sand in the formation. A Los Angeles syndicate has purchased Julian No. 6 on Cherry street in Lomita, west of Warbonne avenue, and has installed new hydraulic pump equipment which is said to have been successful in overcoming fine sand trouble and in increasing production in other wells near the edge of the field's productive formation.

SALES REPORTED Oil men agree that elimination of the sanding-up trouble in the Lomita area would cause a big revival in the field here. Many wells, now standing idle

because they are sanded up would be placed back on production, and some new drilling operations might be started. Reports of the sale of half an acre near the old Julian No. 6 were prevalent in Lomita this week, but could not be confirmed. The rumor had it that the price paid for the land was an oil price. There never has been any dearth of oil in the southern part of the field, but wells have continually sanded up so that in many cases it has cost more to keep them cleaned out than they have returned in production. Operators in all parts of the field are watching the experiment on the old Julian well with marked interest.

### Tennis Tourney At High School Gets Under Way

The first tournament on the new tennis courts built by the Board of Education on the high school grounds is under way. It is a hit-or-miss event with 32 players listed in the brackets.

First matches will be as follows: Harold Cook vs. Ben Lepkin, Peter Hall vs. Leonard Lock, Al Jameson vs. Frank Stewart, Douglas Simpson vs. Melvin McFarland, Milton Foster vs. Carl Volz, Warren McMillan vs. Charles Ruppel, Clifford Ruppel vs. Ben Hannebrink, Charles Faulkner vs. Jack Ross, John Reynolds vs. John Young, John Shidler vs. Howard Hudson, Dee Williamson vs. Eugene Newby, Lawrence Stevenson vs. George Lancaster, Harold Stevenson vs. Fred Shidler, Dick Von Hagen vs. George Shidler. Men who are using the courts are requested to sign the register at 119-J, to Mrs. Steinhilber at 217-J, or to any other member of the organization, and they'll gladly send for your donations. Old clothing (clean, please), bits of lace and silk, shoes, or what have you?

### BRUNETT OFF FORCE

Officer H. G. Brunnett last night completed his service with the Torrance police force, according to an announcement made by Chief of Police Calder this morning.

### Relief Society Seeks Clothing

The Torrance Relief Society has resumed the holding of all-day work meetings at the W. W. Woodington home on Arhaton avenue. The regular business meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month. The members are preparing for the bazaar to be held early in the autumn. It is really astonishing to see just what they can do with the articles of clothing that you are tired of, or have no further use for. A phone call to Mrs. Woodington at 119-J, to Mrs. Steinhilber at 217-J, or to any other member of the organization, and they'll gladly send for your donations. Old clothing (clean, please), bits of lace and silk, shoes, or what have you?

### Jensen To Speak At Lomita Hall Friday, Aug. 20

J. R. Jensen will speak at California hall, Long Beach-Redondo boulevard in Lomita, on Friday night, Aug. 20, at 7:30. J. A. Smith, chairman of the Lomita Jensen-for-Justice Club, announced today.

"A large number of voters in Lomita have requested this meeting so that their friends who have not met Mr. Jensen will have the opportunity to do so," said Mr. Smith. "Lomitans are favorably impressed with Mr. Jensen's unequivocal statement that if elected he will keep the court in Lomita and continue the police protection afforded here by the constable and deputy constable. This statement of Mr. Jensen's enables Lomitans to support him and vote for him without doing their home town an injury. "The Jensen-for-Justice Club here is daily growing. The fairness of the stand he has taken for Lomita not only assures his election, but guarantees that Lomita will get a square deal, intelligently administered, after he is elected."

### ATTORNEY PRAISES JENSEN

Stresses Importance of Selecting Right Men for Judicial Positions

"FAIRNESS NECESSARY" Points to Training and Experience as Requisites of Justice

Stressing the conviction that judgeships are among the most important offices filled by the vote of the people and urging all citizens to study carefully the qualifications of all candidates for judicial office, Perry G. Briney, Torrance city attorney and well known lawyer of Lomita township, today issued a statement commending J. R. Jensen as a candidate for justice of the peace. Mr. Briney's statement follows: "The courts of the country constitute the most important branch of our government. The courts guarantee the rights of property and of individuals. The courts pass upon the constitutionality of legislation. The courts guard society against the depredations of law violators and punish offenders. "It is important, therefore that the American people elect as judges men who not only are of unimpeachable integrity, but who have a wide knowledge of law, since it is their duty to interpret the law.

Urges Care by Voters "In voting for judges citizens should study the qualifications of candidates carefully, for judges are actually the arbiters of society. "As an attorney who practices in the courts I take pleasure in recommending to the people of Lomita township the candidacy of J. R. Jensen for justice of the peace. Mr. Jensen is a trained and educated attorney with a grounding in law and a legal experience that qualify him admirably for the office. The interpretation of legal points is of the utmost importance even in a justice court, and Mr. Jensen's ability as an attorney guarantees that his interpretations would be logical and grounded in equity.

Lauds Fairness "I note that Mr. Jensen has decided the role of justice he would hold court in Lomita for Torrance cases. This decision, it seems to me, is based on absolute fairness to the people of the whole township and it illustrates the type of fairness that should prevail in every court. The justice of the peace of Lomita township should be the justice of the peace of the whole township and not of a section thereof. It is gratifying to note that Mr. Jensen is avoiding a campaign that would tend to set one town in the township against another. "Mr. Jensen is a well-educated and able attorney. He has demonstrated his fairness during the campaign. I take pleasure in recommending his candidacy to the people of Torrance and Lomita."

### Pacific Electric Picnic Saturday

Torrance employees of the Pacific Electric shops are planning to make their attendance at the annual picnic, Saturday afternoon, as usual at Redondo Beach, and a large number of attractive features have been arranged for the entertainment of the 15,000 P. E. employees and their families. Nineteen athletic contests have been scheduled. Cash prizes will be awarded to all winners.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith of Centro were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb, and were entertained at dinner Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conte.